

Paint Costs of Battleships.
Every nation has its own fashion of painting its ships of war, just as it has a distinguishing uniform for its soldiers. Our own navy favors black sides, white upperwork superstructures, yellow funnels and masts and ventilators, says Answers. German men-of-war are generally painted gray in time of peace and carry bands on the funnels; but for their war dress they have decided for a sort of "khaki" war paint of a yellowish-brown hue, which their scientific experts pronounce as being most difficult to see both by day and night.

The French go in for a mourning dress of complete black, or black hulls, with gray funnels and masts. Their channel squadron rather favors a complete suit of neutral gray drab, which is almost invisible in gray weather.

The late Spanish navy was painted much after the English fashion, except for those ships serving on their American and Pacific stations, which were painted white.

The Austrian war vessels may be recognized by their black hulls, white upper works and black funnels. The Russians go in for black hulls, yellow funnels with black tops and white masts. While you may easily tell a Turkish man-of-war by her red funnel and coat of dirt.

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CONSUMPTION

CENSUS ARMY MOVES.

ENUMERATORS ARE COUNTING UNCLE SAM'S MILLIONS.

Experts Say Results Will Prove that This Is the Greatest of Civilized Nations—Complete Figures Are Due December 1.

The 52,000 census enumerators are making their rounds. Two hundred and ninety-seven supervisors have them in charge. In addition to the staff at headquarters in Washington, four chief inspectors are out on the road and more than 2,000 special agents are also prepared to jump into their designated fields of inquiry. Fifty-five thousand men to gather information about 75,000,000. It looks like a big army, and it is bigger than any army the Boers have had in the field in South Africa. But this is a great country.

The end of the century census, the twelfth which Uncle Sam has taken, is expected to show that the United States is to-day the greatest, the most populous, the richest, the most prosperous and the most rapidly growing modern nation. The experts have already figured out that the total population will leap from 62,000,000 in 1890 to between 75,000,000 and 76,000,000 in 1900.

Mulhall, the English statistician, last figured the population of the United States June 1, this year, at 77,300,000. The treasury experts made it still higher. Census Director Merriam has estimated 73,000,000 or 74,000,000, but for obvious reasons he is conservative. There are experts here who are willing to wager



CENSUS DIRECTOR MERRIAM.

that the grand total, when finally wound up, will not be over 76,000,000 nor under 75,000,000. It will beat the civilized world. Germany has only two-thirds as many people, France and Great Britain only a little over half as many. Russia and China have more, but their hordes are not to be reckoned in the category of fully civilized modern peoples.

Director Merriam expects to be able to announce the population of many American cities within the month. Washington will come first and rapidly thereafter New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and all the large cities.

The census experts give a most interesting prediction. It is that this census will show the United States to have a larger number of cities with a population exceeding 100,000 than any other nation. We shall show about forty such municipalities, and our nearest rival, it is believed, is India. In this competition China is not counted, as the population of Chinese cities is largely a matter of guessing, and they are mere collections of villages at best. The experts have also figured out that the center of population in the United States has now traveled about sixty miles west of Columbus, Ind., and is now not far from the Illinois line. "Westward the star of empire."

In increase of wealth the great West is expected to astonish the East. As a new apportionment of the United States for Congress and the electoral college is to be made next winter upon the basis of this census, as required by the constitution, the growth of population in the West will speedily bring increase of political power. Before Dec. 1 Director Merriam expects to announce the total population of the United States so that Congress may upon its reassembling at once proceed to make the new apportionment required by the constitution. The total cost of the census is estimated at from \$15,000,000 to \$16,000,000.

Just a hundred years ago Virginia was the first State of the Union, with a population of 880,000. This year it will fall back to about twentieth place. At the beginning of the century Massachusetts stood third in the list. Ten years ago it was sixth. In this census it is pretty sure to be outstripped by Texas, Indiana, Michigan and Iowa.

The special agents who are to gather information as to American manufacturing industries are at work. During the next three months they will finish their tasks. On this score the results are likely to be amazing. This feature of the census more than any other will show the greatness of the United States.

SURVIVORS OF THE CIVIL WAR.

Evans Estimates that Union Veterans
Number 925,000
Veterans of the civil war are dying off at the rate of about 3-1-3 per cent per annum. Commissioner of Pensions Evans estimates that there are about 925,000 survivors of the civil war. Of this number there were on the pension rolls last year 742,487. During the year 24,787 pensioned veterans died. This number is slightly more than 3-1-3 per cent. Assuming that the death rate among those not pensioned is the same as among the pensioners, the total number of veterans who died during the year would be about 30,855.

Brief News Items.
Mayor of Havana has issued an order prohibiting the playing of Spanish airs in public.

A second volume of the report of the first Philippine commission gives a proclamation of Aguinaldo asking the Philippines for a Christmas present.

Representative Shafroth of Colorado is looking after the preservation of "a large number of monuments and cliff dwellings which are the work of prehistoric man" in Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.

THE PRESBYTERIANS.

Creed Revision Discussed and Referred to Special Committee.

Unusual interest marked the proceedings of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in St. Louis last week. Creed revision was most unexpectedly brought forward Tuesday afternoon, and the discussion which followed was of a decidedly heated character. Situations at times a little short of dramatic came to the front, and, although speakers for and against revision occupied the floor and made speeches that laid bare their thoughts upon the old confession, no action was taken at that session. Consideration of the subject was postponed until Wednesday, when it was placed in the hands of a committee of fifteen, with the moderator added as chairman, to report what action, if any, should be taken by the church. This committee will compare, analyze and summarize suggestions from the presbyteries, which are invited to take action on "the whole matter of a restatement of the doctrines most surely believed among us and which are substantially embodied in our confession of faith." An hour's intense and at times almost acrimonious discussion preceded the adoption of this report.

The settlement of the creed question, as far as this assembly is concerned, was not accomplished without comments being made on the subject from every shade of opinion represented in the church. The leaders alone did not settle the matter, but elders and pastors new to the assembly voiced their opinions in no uncertain tone. The decision to send the question to the proposed committee for investigation was in the end adopted by a majority which completely overshadowed the few votes cast against the report. This will leave the question open for the presbyteries to discuss in every form desired. Their recommendations will do nothing but shape the report of the committee, which, in turn, will make recommendations to the assembly next year.

AMUSEMENT BAN REMAINS.

The Methodists Refuse to Change the Church's Attitude.

The Methodist general conference in Chicago, after two days of turmoil, dodged the amusement question. On Saturday the minority report of the committee, favoring no change in the discipline as to dancing, theater going, etc., was adopted by a vote of 333 to 290. When the vote was announced in the conference Monday a motion was made that the report be laid on the table. This was agreed to by a vote of 256 to 256, and the presiding bishop ruled that the matter was no longer before the house. Practically the question stands as it stood when the conference met; technically the conference has voted against a report to leave the discipline unchanged.

This action leaves the controversy open and was reached in opposition to the advice of the majority of a committee guided by ex-Gov. Pattison of Pennsylvania, and after a stormy debate. The majority of the committee, headed by ex-Gov. Pattison, presented a report to strike from the trial code mention of specific amusements, and to add to the chapter of "Special Advice" an affirmation of the church's historic attitude toward worldly diversions. The minority recommended that no action be taken.

Having transacted all the business that had accumulated, the conference Tuesday adjourned. Before the 750 ministers and laymen in attendance as delegates closed the session and departed for their homes in every part of the United States and in foreign countries of every continent, they rushed through a number of smaller matters of business left over from the earlier days of the session. But many members of the conference had gone away and the galleries were almost empty, so that interest in the subjects voted on was small.

GO TO PRISON FOR LIFE.

Welland Canal Dynamiters Sentenced to the Penitentiary.

At Welland, Ont., the dynamiters, Dullman, Nolin and Walsh, were found guilty in short order and Chancellor Boyd sentenced them to life imprisonment in Kingston penitentiary. The public mind was thoroughly aroused, and no other verdict than that which was given would have been well received by the public in Canada.

The crime for which they were convicted was an attempt to wreck lock 24 of the Welland canal with dynamite. Walsh and Nolin were the active participants



in the crime, having lowered two bellies filled with dynamite and with fuses attached alongside the lock, but owing to a mistake in calculating the distance to the water's edge the force of the explosion was minimized and the damage was trifling. Dullman accompanied the men to Niagara Falls and directed proceedings from there. The three were caught almost red-handed. The jury was only five minutes arriving at the guilt of the accused. Neither made any remark on receiving sentence.

Oldie and Emie.
Another wardship Kentucky has gone into commission.

Five men drowned in the waters about New York in one day recently.

Thomas Murray, Joplin, Mo., tried to escape from officers and was fatally shot. In a duel over a woman at Beckville, Texas, C. A. Baxter killed Malcolm Juner.

Big zinc combine has been formed to develop Missouri territory. Capital \$10,000,000.

Columbus, Ohio, report says that Hanna will be the national Republican chairman again.

President McKinley will go to Canton, Ohio, the latter part of June to remain three weeks.

The Germania yard, at Berlin, has begun to make torpedoes for which superiority is claimed.
Ted Brockman, colored, Port Worth, Texas, killed his wife with a knife, then slashed his own throat.

Southern Politeness.

"I was given a good example of southern politeness the other night," said a gentleman from the north. "I had gone to the Comus ball, and had agreed to escort a lady home. She was also a stranger in the city, and was stopping with some friends on Bourbon street, about three blocks the other side of the opera house. As it was only a short distance, we decided to walk. I was, of course, totally unacquainted with the street, and when we had left the lights of the opera house I felt very much at sea. The houses were dark, and I could not see the numbers, and it was only by number that the lady could identify her boarding place, as she had only been there once. Ahead of me was a small man. I asked him if he knew where the number was. He answered very politely that he did not, but was going that way and would help me hunt. He told another man in front of him about it, and that man told some of his friends. In a few minutes these gentlemen had formed an advance guard in our interest. We walked calmly behind, while they went in front, on either side of the street, striking matches and looking for the number. There were eight of them, and their matches would go off one after the other. It was a regular flambeau parade. I was overcome. 'Here it is,' shouted an advance scout. We approached the house rapidly, and found the eight gentlemen standing before it. It was almost with emotion that I raised my hat and thanked them for their efforts. 'Nothing at all,' they said politely, and the entire eight raised their hats and walked into the darkness."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Humility and Honesty.

Of the late Dr. N. J. Burton, pastor of the Park Church, Hartford, his son, the poet, Richard Burton, tells this beautiful story:

"Among my father's effects was found an old check, yellowed by age and torn across, the date 1870 or thereabouts. It had been sent by the editor of the Independent, with an urgent request for a contribution, the amount of the honorarium to be written in according to the contributor's judgment and pleasure—a rather dangerous liberty to allow some of the literati. But the check remained, never filled out, in his pocketbook."

The incident is typical. It was fairly pathetic to see how distrustful he was of his own accomplishments, how self-deprecating. Yet at rare intervals, he realized he had done something not ordinary, and then, in fitting privacy and with a beautiful frankness, would say so.

Tuckerman's Ravine.

One of the remarkable scenic features of the celebrated White Mountains of New Hampshire is Tuckerman's Ravine, a great gulf in the southerly side of Mount Washington, which is every year spanned by a beautiful "snow arch," or cave of snow, which remains until the latter part of August. The name was conferred upon it in honor of the discoverer, Edward Tuckerman, an enthusiastic explorer of these famous hills.

Another Mean Man.

"Stimson is a mean man."
"Why so?"
"He's got a way of keeping his wife from going through his pockets for loose change."
"How's that?"
"He spends it all before he gets home."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Cause for Worry.

Brown—I'd be worried if I got an official appointment in any of our new island possessions.

Jones—Why?
Brown—I wouldn't know whether my country wanted to honor me or get rid of me.—Indianapolis Journal.

"Oh! How Happy I Am."

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Magic of a Name.

"What's that ugly, yellowish-brown thing you have on, Dorothy?"
"Ugly? This is my new khaki coat."
"It is? Oh, how lovely!"—Chicago Record.

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A Counter Blow.

"I believe you only married me for my money," he remarked, bitterly.
"Well, you took good care to make the money one of the leading items in your proposal," she responded.—Philadelphia North-American.

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